

# FANTASTIC GARDENS

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## BROMELIADS - WHOLESALE LIST

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S -- Seedling; Sm.-small plant; M - medium plant; L. large plant  
Fl. - plant in bud or flower or berry (in season). A - B - C refer to line drawing on third page.

- AECHMEA BRACTEATA* - (B-L) Imposing plant to 3' tall, becoming bottle-shaped when grown in lots of light. Long-lasting flower spike with brilliant red bracts.  
L - \$3.50 to \$5.00; Fl - \$7.50
- AECHMEA FASCIATA* - (A-M) Foliage beautiful silver or silver banded, with showy pink flower head that lasts for months. M \$2.00; L. \$4.50; Fl. \$5.50
- AECHMEA FASCIATA* var. *PURPUREA* - (A-M) Plant suffused with purplish rose with crossbands of pale silver. Fls. like above. M. \$2.00; L. \$4.50; Fl. \$5.50
- AECHMEA* x *FOSTER'S FAVORITE* - (A-Sm) Very handsome medium size plant with lacquered wine red leaves. Blooms in winter with trailing spikes of berry-like red fls.  
Sm. 50¢; M. \$1.25.
- AECHMEA PURGENS* var. *DISCOLOR* - (A-M) Attractive foliage, underside purple frosted with white powder. Fls. red, berry-like in erect long-lasting cluster. Very showy. M. \$1.25; L. \$3.00; Fl. \$3.75.
- AECHMEA MINEATA* var. *Discolor* - (A-M) Lvs. medium green, the underside beautiful glossy maroon. Erect, compact flower head of many scarlet berries tipped with blue flowers. M. \$1.00; L. \$2.50; Fl. \$3.25
- AECHMEA LUDEMANNIANA* - (A-M) A bold, decorative species, the color of mountain haze. Showy with its large head of purple berries. S. 50¢ to \$1.00
- AECHMEA NUDICAULIS* - (B-Sm) Compact plant, the leaves prettily cross-banded with white. Flower head erect with showy red bracts. Sm. 50¢; M. \$1.00; Fl. \$1.25
- AECHMEA PENDULIFLORA* - (A-M) Spreading rosette of rosy-bronze leaves. Upright flower spike with long-lasting berries, first white then blue at maturity.  
M. \$1.00; L. \$1.75; Fl. \$2.25 (Syn. *A. schultesiana*)
- AECHMEA TILLANDSIODES* - (A-Sm) This desirable small species has color for months with its red and yellow bracts and its berries first white then blue.  
S. 75¢ to \$1.00 ready after Jan. 1st.
- BILLBERGIA* x *FANTASIA* - (B-M) Well deserving its popularity, this tall semi-tubular plant is so heavily marked with cream that it makes a fine contrast with other plants. Sm. 60¢; M. \$1.25; Fl. \$2.00
- BILLBERGIA PALLIDIFLORA* - (B-L) A tall tubular bromeliad with long pointed leaves, dark purple overlaid with silver bands. In keeping with the modern decor.  
Sm \$1.75; M. \$2.50; L. \$3.50
- BILLBERGIA VITTATA* and *B. vittata* hybrids - (B-M) These dark, sculptured, vase shaped plants with many silver crossbands have a character all their own.  
Sm. 75¢; M. \$1.50 to \$2.00; Fl. \$2.25
- BILLBERGIA* HYBRIDS - (B-Sm) Assorted types. These tubular plants are attractively mottled with cream and red in various ways. Sm. 35¢; M. 60¢; clusters \$1.00 up.
- BROMELIA PINGVIN* - (A-very large) "Heart of Flame" When in full color has the most startling vivid scarlet center imaginable. Plant grows to 6' across with long sharp, hooked spines. No shipping. M. \$3.50; L. \$5.00; special quotation on plants in flower when available.
- HOHENBERGIA RIDLEYI* (A-L) In the sun this broad leaved, two foot plant is a golden yellow, in the shade a light green. M. \$2.00; L. \$3.50

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- NEOREGELIA CAROLINAE** - (A-M) "Cup of Flame" Irresistible when in full color with the wide center leaves vivid red, this soft-leaved, medium size plant will always be short in supply. M. \$2.50; L. \$5.00
- NEOREGELIA CAROLINAE TRICOLOR** - (A-M) Like above except its leaves striped lengthwise with cream and bright green, suffused with red. It has all the color anyone can ask for. Very rare. M. \$5.00; L. \$7.50
- NEOREGELIA MARMORATA HYBRID** - (A-M) The colorful leaves are mottled maroon and green. Sm. 75¢; M. \$1.50; L. \$2.50
- NEOREGELIA SPECTABILIS HYBRID** - (A-M) "Fingernail Plant" Bronzy-green leaves with bright red tips. Sm. 75¢; M. \$1.50; L. \$2.50
- NEOREGELIA** species from Brazil - (A-L) Rather like a robust *N. spectabilis*, but leaves heavier. A bold plant that may be exposed to full sun. Sm. 75¢; M. \$1.50
- PORTEA PETROPOLITANA** var. **EXTENSA** - (B-L) Large, robust plant with light green leaves. Inflorescence long lasting, showy, with large lavender berry-like flowers. Sm. \$1.50; M. \$3.00; L. \$5.00
- QUESNELIA APVENSIS** - (A-L) Compact, many leaves plant. Fl. head erect with dense cluster of glowing pink bracts. Sm. \$1.25; M. \$2.50; L. \$3.50
- TILLANDSIA IONANTHA** - A real miniature, mostly under 3 inches, with many quill like gray leaves that turn bright red during the flowering season (Jan.-Feb.) Flowers blue, large for the plant. Needs sun for best color development. Plants mounted on cork bark. Sm. 50¢; M. 75¢; Specimen clusters priced on request
- VRIESIA IMPERIALIS** (A-L) A large growing species with broad smooth leaves of an odd metallic gray green, lustrous purplish red underneath. Rare. Sm. \$1.00; M. \$3.00 to \$5.00
- VRIESIA SPLENDENS** - (A-M) "Flaming Sword" A very distinctive and choice plant. Green leaves uniformly cross-banded with almost black. The common name aptly describes the brilliant orange flower spike which lasts for a long time. S. \$1.50; M. \$2.75
- CRYPTANTHUS** - These plants are naturally terrestrial and can be grown in almost any soil type if they have good drainage. The plants shipped may not have roots. Peel one or two of the basal scales from the stem and they will root readily in two or three weeks without wilting.
- CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS** - (C-Sm) Flat 4" star shapes rosette of silvery green. Sm. 10¢
- CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS** var. **RUBER** - (C-Sm) Like above but leaves dark bronzy red. 10¢
- CRYPTANTHUS BAHIANUS** - Stiff, upright 5" rosette of dark reddish foliage on a distinct stem. Thrives in very bright light. Sm. 15¢
- CRYPTANTHUS BIVITTATUS** - (C-Sm) (C. roseo-pictus) 4" to 5" rosette of leaves striped with two green bands on bronzy-pink background. Sm. 15¢; M. 25¢
- CRYPTANTHUS HYBRIDS** - (C-M) These plants are remarkably variable, but they are all very nice. When mature they are much larger than most of the species. Colors run the complete gamut found in the genus. Plants 4" to 5" 25¢; 5" to 6" - 35¢; 6" to 8" - 50¢.
- CRYPTBERGIA** x **MEADII** (*Cryptanthus* x *Billbergia*) - (A-Sm) Resembles miniature pineapple plant with narrow pinkish leaves. Fl. stem with pink bracts. S. 35¢; M. 50¢

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- "GET ACQUAINTED OFFER" - 10 plants all different, our selection, named, including many shapes and sizes. \$14.50
- "DECORATORS DELIGHT" - 20 plants, including choice types, at least 12 varieties, our selection, named. \$34.50





These line drawings represent only general shapes. We believe they will help you to select the type Bromeliad you want.

The size references (Sm M L) in combination with figure references (A B C) give you the mature sizes to compare plants of various species.

**TERMS:** Cash with order. This list cancels all previous lists and prices are subject to change without notice. Prices quoted are FOB our nursery. We do not make a packing charge on small plants; large plants - packing at cost. Minimum wholesale order is \$10.00.

**SHIPPING:** Plants will be sent by Railway Express Collect unless otherwise requested. If you want shipment made by Parcel Post, be sure and include sufficient funds to cover the postage - any overage will be refunded. In general shipments arrive in better condition when sent by express.

We make every effort to pack carefully, but our responsibility ends when shipment is accepted by the carrier. Claims for damaged shipments must be filed immediately with the carrier by the consignee.

These plants are exceptionally durable and stand shipping well -- better than most plants. So, in order to save you money, we normally ship all bromeliads unpotted. If you are a novice in handling this group of plants, you will be interested to note that we include cultural directions with each shipment. Our stock of Bromeliads is limited, so please don't be disappointed if certain items are not always available.

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